international conventions have been organised for all the enforcement agencies in February and November, 1995.

(iii) Raids are carried out by the wildlife and authorities, in cooperation with other enforcement agencies if necessary, whenever information of illegal trading in wildlife is received.

(iv) India is a signitory to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) under which international trade in endangered species and their parts and derivatives is strictly regulated.

(v) Rewards are given to informers or gathering intelligence regarding illegal trade in smuggling of wildlife products.

(vi) A Committee set up by this Ministry to look into issues related to illegal trade in wildlife and wildlife products has recommended specific measures to deal with this problem and these are being followed up with the States for implementation.

(vii) Regional and sub-regional offices of wildlife Preservation have been set-up mainly at the major export centres of the country to prevent illegal trade and smuggling of wildlife products.

Development of Satelite Port at Visakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh

886. SHRI G. PRATHAPA REDDEY:
SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state the progress made so far in the development of Satellite Port at Visakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI M. RAJASEKARA MURTHY): No decision has yet been taken on the development of Satellite Port at Visakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh.

Finalisation of National Transport Policy

887. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:
SHRI SATISH AGARWAL:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government have finalised the National Transport Policy for implementation during the Ninth Five Year Plan indicating also whether the outline of the Shipping Policy has been framed as reported in the Hindustan Times dated that the 16th November 1993; and

(b) if so, whether Government took into consideration the demand of the Indian National Ship Owners' Association in this regard indicating the main demands of the Association which Government have agreed to meet and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI M. RAJASEKARA MURTHY): (a) and (b) No, Sir. as reported in the Hindustan Times dated the 16th November, 1995 the National Transport Policy is in the process of being finalised by the Planning Commission for the Ninth Five Year Plan. Working Groups for each mode have been set up to provide framework for the same.

The outline of the Shipping policy is being framed by the Ministry of Surface Transport for which a Working Group under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Surface Transport) has been constituted. The demands projected by the Indian National Shipowners' Association (INSA) have been considered by the Government and the National Shipping Board has been entrusted with the responsibility to

recommend a long-term shipping plan giving due consideration to the demands made by Indian National Shipowners' Association.

Joint Ventures for Basic and Cellular Telecommunication Services

888. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state;

(a) whether Cabinet Committee on Foreign Investment (CCFI) has approved telecom joint venture proposals involving an investment of Rs. 12,621 crore, as reported in the Financial Express, New Delhi dated the Ist November 1995;

(b) if so, how many joint ventures have been cleared for basic telephone services number of those collaborations for operation or private telecom services and the number thereof in this cellular service indicating the amount of estimated foreign investment provided in each joint venture and the amount initially spent, so far, by India in each case; and

(c) by when, the statutory Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) envisaged in the National Telecom Policy of 1994, is likely to be set up and will start functioning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATION (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) and (b) 14 Joint Venture proposals for Basic Telephone Service and 19 proposals in respect of Cellular Mobile Telephone Service were approved by CCII on 31.10.95. The details are enclosed in Statement-I and II. (*See* below) Amounts spent so far by Indian Companies are not available with the Government.

(c) The Government have decided to set up a Statutory Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) for which it is proposed to bring a comprehensive legislation before the Parliament. The TRAI will be set up after the proposals get approved.

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Joint Venture proposals approved in respect of Basic Telephone Services by CCFI on 31.10.1995

S. No.	Indian/J.V. Company	Foreign Partner	%FE	Value (Rs. Crores)
1.	Birla Telecom Ltd., Bombay	AT & T Mauritius	39%	409.50
		Phillipine Long Distance Telephone Company, Phillipine	10%	105.00
2.	HFCL BEZEQ Telecome Ltd. New Delhi	BEZEQ ISRAEL	26%	2600
		Shinwatra Int. Public Company, Thiland	15%	1500
3.	Modi Infotech Pvt. Ltd. ND	Telecom Asia Thailand	49%	147
4.	Tata Teleservices Pvt. Ltd. ND	Bell Canada International Canada	20%	600
5.	Techno Telecome (I) Pvt. Ltd. ND.	Moscow Local Telephone Network Russia	10%	10
		NRI Consortium USA	5%	5
6.	Euro Tele India Ltd. ND	Deutsche Telekom AG Germany	40%*	215.60
		Deutsche Telepost consulting GMBH Germany		